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My dear Fr^d
Dr A Gray

I wrote a fortnight or more ago, acknowledging the safe arrival of the *Pinguiculas*. They are doing pretty well. *Prinula suffrutescens* promises to grow. It likes a cold moist shady place. We have had lots of *Pyxidanthra barbulate*, but have lost everyone. Ought it to be dry in winter? Does it grow in the shade?

I hope thou wilt succeed in getting seed, & more roots? of *Silene Bolanderi*. We have 2 atoms of it (only) yet alive. But *S. Californica* is doing capitally with us. Do get *S. rotundifolia* again if possible & especially seed of it. *S. virginica* I should also like seed of. & 200 plants of *S. Pennsylvania*! It grows with

Papilionacea; & perhaps 200 or 300
(*Cyp.^m acule.* could be got also.
We have had them all sent from
the neighborhood of Phila.

Pray pardon my plain style of
writing! I know thou wilt under-
stand what I mean. — viz, that if
any suitable & convenient opportunity
occurs for getting any of these, they
may not be lost sight of. But
on no account tax thy time or
attention in consequence for my
sake. *Hypericum adpressum* too
is highly desirable.

Cyclotroche pulchella is very fine
with us. *Pentstemon humile*
is in bloom too, & very pretty.

We have lost most of Dr. Parry's
roots, but have a few of many kinds
left, that may possibly serve to

illustrate them. Many of his seeds
are coming up well: abundance of
Gentiana affinis, *Oxytr. splendens*,
Erigeron macranthemus & some others.

Very sincerely thy friend
J. Backhouse